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This responds to the Office Action outstanding against this application.

Upon entry of this amendment, claims 1 and 4-11 remain pending. Claim 1 is the only independent claim. Claims 6 and 7 have been withdrawn from consideration by the Examiner, pending allowance of a generic independent claim.

Claim 1 has been amended to clarify that the projections of the mounting collar flange mate with the notches of the clamp-member wall with a resilient snap-fit, and that the clamp-member is selectively separable from the mounting collar by application of a pulling force that causes the projections to disengage from their respective notches. Claim 1 has also been amended to include subject matter recited in original claim 12, i.e., that the clamp-member includes indicia to indicate the location of at least one of the notches thereof to allow the at least one notch to be aligned with one of the projections as required for proper mounting of the clamp-ring to the mounting collar.

U.S. Patent No. 4,234,101 to Pastore shows mutually engaged projections 36 and 37 to secure the cover member 35 to the flange of the mounting member 31. *These projections 36,37 are engaged by rotating the cover member 35 relative to the mounting member flange until the projections mate (see col. 4, lines 29-37).* Separation of the cover member 35 can be accomplished by the reverse rotational movement of the cover member 35. It does not appear possible to disconnect the cover member 35 of Pastore by pulling force, given the thickness of the projections 36,37 and the cited disclosure concerning rotation of the cover member 35 for mounting. As such, amended claim 1 is respectfully submitted to define over the combination of Roethel in view of Pastore.

It is further noted that the clamp-ring 84 of Roethel is not designed to be rotated when installed because it is tightly frictionally engaged with the diaphragm 80. As such, there is no motivation to combine Roethel with Pastore,

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given that Pastore discloses only a rotatable cover member 35 which is required in Pastore to lock the cover member in place.

As noted, claim 1 has also been amended to include the indicia limitation. *Because Pastore uses rotational movement of the cover member 35, there is no reason that a person of ordinary skill in the art would have been motivated to include indicia on the cover member thereof to mark the location of the projection 37.* Rotation of the cover member 35 brings the projections 36,37 into engagement regardless of their starting positions. Furthermore, in rejecting claim 12 (now canceled), the Examiner relies on U.S. Patent No. 3,581,934 to Sciascia as showing indicia that a person of ordinary skill in the art would have included on the cover member 35 of Pastore to aid in mounting the cover member, but it is respectfully submitted that the only indicia of Sciascia is the mark 39 that is aligned with one of the marks "A" "B" or "C" to indicate the size setting of the dispenser which depends on the angular position of the sleeve 14 relative to the housing 12. Such indicia 39 is unrelated to the assembly of the sleeve 14 to the main housing 12, and no indicia is required for mounting the sleeve 14 to the housing 12 in the Sciascia document.

Based upon the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that amended claim 1 and claims 4-11 dependent thereon (including withdrawn claims 6 and 7) are now in condition for allowance, and that this application meets all other statutory requirements.

Respectfully submitted,



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